

Jedburgh Castle

Jedburgh Castle was a castle at Jedburgh in Scotland. It was fought over during the Wars of Scottish Independence, and was demolished by the Scots commanded by Sir James Douglas of Balvenie in 1409.^[1] The site of the original castle was used to build the reform prison based on John Howard (prison reformer) system, the construction of which started in 1820.



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In 1823 a jail was built on the site to designs by Archibald Elliot. It was modified in 1847 by Thomas Brown.^[2] This closed in 1868. The building was restored to an 1820s appearance in 1968 by Aitken and Turnbull.^[2] It opened to the public as **Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum**. The museum features local history displays.

On the Thursday after Shrove Tuesday, the town has played a Ba Game since 1704. The uppies team use the castle to record their victories.^[3]

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